



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 11, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: House Bill No. 1014 HD2 SD1 CD1

On July 10, 2007, House Bill No. 1014, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Education" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$585,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to the Department of Education for five complex areas for support services including professional development, alignment of curriculum, and mentoring in schools. This bill also appropriates \$165,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to the Department of Education for the Teach for America program.

This bill raises two concerns.

First, appropriations for professional development of teachers in the classroom should be under the jurisdiction, decision making, and expending authority of the school principal. This bill contradicts the spirit of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, weighted student formula, and control by the principal over school-level funding priorities and programs. It also fails to recognize that the Department of Education has funds within its base budget for professional development, training, and curriculum alignment.

Second, this bill also appropriates general funds to the Department of Education for the Teach for America program. The Teach for America project is currently funded by federal dollars, pursuant to the No Child Left Behind law, and should continue to be funded in that manner because this federal funding source will be ongoing for several years.

The University of Hawaii has also expressed concern that they should have been the designated expending agency for the appropriation contained in this bill, and not the Department of Education. The University of Hawaii is the responsible state agency for training the participants in the Teach for America program so these teachers can obtain a teaching certificate in Hawaii.

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For the foregoing reasons, I allowed House Bill No. 1014 to become law as Act 280,
effective July 10, 2007, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Lingle", with a stylized, cursive script.

LINDA LINGLE